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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH

FOR DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING

COMPUTER STORAGE WITH

PROCESSING HOSTS

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AMENDMENT P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until **March 29, 2006**.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Specification Amendments. There are no Drawings Amendments.

Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.
- Remarks begin at page 19.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.